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Dear Sir:

**RE: Environmental, Risks and Resource Management Services
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Please find enclosed our Sixteenth Monthly Progress Report under Component 4 of SIAM -2: Environmental, Risks and Resource Management Services Project. This report describes events that occurred during the month of July 2006 and provides an indication of anticipated activities over the next few months.

Yours faithfully



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Vaea Street central Apia in flood



1. Project Activities Last Month

1.1 Work Stream 1 (WS1): EIA Regulations/ Codes of Environmental Practice

The final draft EIA regulations report and cabinet paper was produced in July along with a report on Environmental Monitoring. Also during July, the original Codes of Environmental Practice were reviewed and new ones on GSM towers and Land disturbance were drafted. Following further internal review, they are expected to be introduced to contractors and industry in a series of training workshops in September.

1.2 Work Stream 2 (WS2): CIM Plans/Strategy, Sustainable Management

Comments were received on the draft CIM plans for the districts of Si'umu, Alataua Sisifo and Vaisigano II and the final CIM plans for these districts are scheduled to be signed off by village representatives during the last week of August.

Preparation work continued on the Group 6 CIM Plan workshops covering the urban Area of Apia. More than 40 workshops will be held during the month of August.

Production of draft CIM Plans for Lotofaga, Falealupo, Fa'asaelele'aga II, III and IV and Gagaemauga I District, is behind schedule but is expected to be back to schedule by the end of August.

1.3 Work Stream 3 (WS3): Natural Resources: GIS/aggregates

With the final delivery of the inland flooding and inland land slippage reports and GIS layers, this component is largely complete. The only outstanding item is the production of a Preliminary Aggregate Supply Policy Report. This report is awaiting further information from MNREM on existing sand mining permits.

1.4 Work Stream 4 (WS4): Emergency/Disaster Management

A report on Disaster Insurance for Samoa was produced in July, and the Kestrel team returned to review the draft agency response plans, meet with agencies, continue mentoring disaster management staff, and report to the CEO of MNREM on the project as it slowly winds down.

2. Project Activities Next Month

2.1 Workstream 1 (WS1): EIA Regulations/ Codes of Environmental Practice

The remainder of “Priority 1” COEP options will be finalized during August. They will then be translated into Samoan in preparation for Industrial and Contractor training, now scheduled for September

2.2 Work Stream 2 (WS2): CIM Plans/Strategy, Sustainable Management

A draft of the Effectiveness Survey was released for internal review in July and is currently expected to be formally released in final form in August.

The next set of CIM Plan village workshops (Group 6) for the urban area of Apia are scheduled for all of August. This will be the most intensive set of workshops undertaken yet as nearly 40 villages will be involved.

Draft CIM Plans will also be returned to the districts of Aleipata I Lalo, Aleipata I Iuga and Lepa in August for their review.

2.3 Work Stream 3 (WS3): Natural Resources: GIS/aggregates

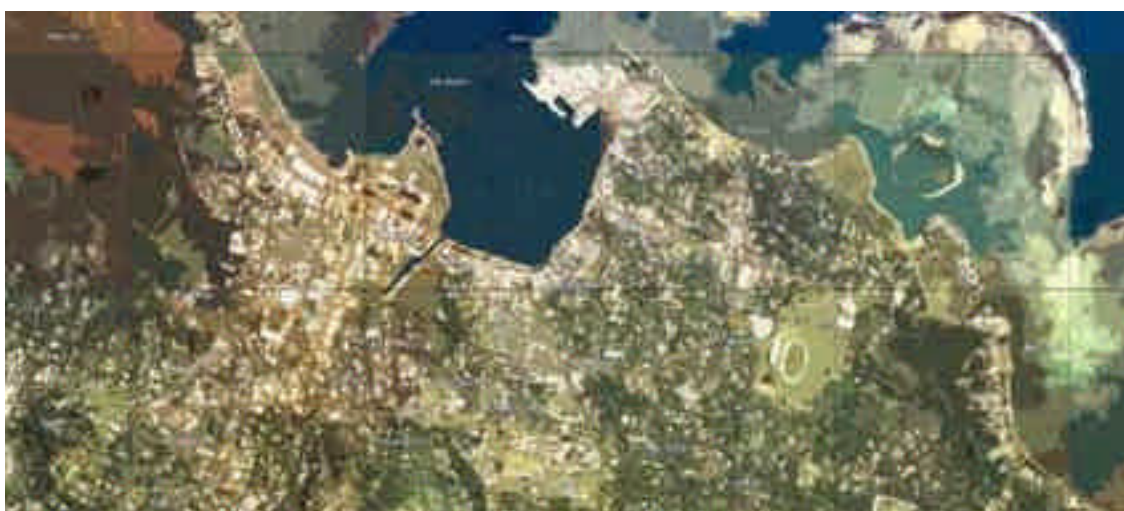
The final report on aggregates has been delayed while further information on existing sand extraction is sought in order to assess the volumes being used for aggregate use.

2.4 Work Stream 4 (WS4): Emergency/Disaster Management

It is anticipated that MNREM staff will progress work on the development of agency response plans. The head of the DMO will also be co-delivering a paper along with project staff, at a conference in Christchurch, NZ in August on Samoa’s disaster management planning work.

3. Local and Overseas Staff Immediate Commitments in Samoa

Siam-2, C-4 Samoa On-Site Staff Project Commitments			
Project Staff	Responsibilities during Report Period	In-Country project time this month	Anticipated In-Country time next month(s)
Graeme Roberts	Project Director, Government Liaison		4 Days
Ted Wells	On-Site Project Manager	full time on site	full time on site
Catriona McLean	BICL Team	1	31 days
Namo Poutasi	BICL Team	1	31 days
Samuela Sesega	Leader CIM Plan Team	on site	on site
Cedric Schuster	Leader CIM Plan Team	on site	on site
Joe Reti	Leader CIM Plan Team	on site	on site
Teresa Ngau Chun	CIM workshop coordinator	10 days	31 days
Paul Wells-Green	COEP drafting and training specialist	12 days	15 days
Keith Frenz	CIM Specialist	3 days	10 days
Karen Stephens	Disaster Management specialist	5 days	



Central Apia, where some of our next group (6) of CIM Plan workshops takes place

5. Assessment of Progress to Date, Discussion of any new Issue Arising

5.1 Workstream 1 (WS1): EIA Regulations/ Codes of Environmental Practice

The EIA regulations and cabinet paper have been completed and the industrial training and contractor qualification schemes are now scheduled to take place in September. Although this work is slightly behind schedule, it was felt the intensive Apia CIM Plan August workshop schedule should take project priority.

5.2 Work Stream 2 (WS2): (CIM Plans/Strategy, Sustainable Management

The CIM Plan village workshops are progressing on schedule with Group 6 (Apia) workshops set to take place all of the month of August. There was some slippage in the production of draft CIM Plans themselves in July, although production has recently picked up, and should be back to schedule by the end of September.

5.3 Work Stream 3 (WS3): (Natural Resources: GIS/aggregates

The Aggregate study, due for completion this month has been delayed while more investigations are completed on coastal sand resources. There has been a delay from MNREM on the supply of needed data on existing and past sand permits (location, dates and quantities of extraction.)

5.4 Work Stream 4 (WS4): Emergency/Disaster Management

Most of the elements of this workstream have been completed. The few remaining elements are on schedule.



Swimming in the streets of Apia